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Judge Refuses Suit Dismissal

Federal District Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe has refused to dismiss a $5' million damage suit against DA Jim Garrison and others by businessman Clay L. Shaw for their alleged part in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Judge Heebe gave no written reasons for his denial of the motion of the defendants who also include Joseph M. Rault Jr., Cecil M. Shilstone and Willard E. Robertson, members of the "Truth and Consequences" organization which contributed to the financing of the assassination probe.

Other defendants include Perry Raymond Russo, Garrison's chief witness at the trial of Shaw on conspiracy charges, and Dr. Esmond Fatter, who allegedly put Russo into a hallucinatory trance in order to elicit testimony implicating Shaw in the assassination.